



Proclamation

Presented

In Recognition of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division recognizes Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day in Hawai'i to provide awareness and understanding about the damaging effects of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division understands that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are the leading cause of preventable intellectual disabilities in United States; responsible for behavioral, mental and learning disabilities found in children; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division acknowledges that Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders is 100 percent preventable; if alcohol is not consumed during pregnancy, babies will not be born with this disease; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division realizes that an estimated 40,000 newborns are affected by this disease in the United States each year; Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders are more common than autism and its effects lasts a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division in partnership with the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Task Force is hosting an event at the Hawai'i State Capitol on September 9, 2011; the event will feature guest speakers, who will share their experiences and challenges of working with individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, and public and private agencies and organizations will be available to assist attendees;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2011 as

"FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the Hawai'i State Department of Health, Family Health Services Division and its efforts in promoting awareness and understanding about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of August, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i